

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-2. (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended): An automatic analyzing system according to claim 411, further comprising
a new reagent detection unit which detects that the one reagent detected as being short, is newly set at the analyzing apparatus in which the shortage of the one reagent occurred, and
~~a mechanism which instructs the control separation means to stop the separation from the control and to restore~~said management computer is further programmed to restore operation of the automatic analyzing apparatus in which the shortage of the one reagent occurred to control under the analyzing system in
accordance with the detection of the setting of the new reagent by the new reagent detection unit.

4-5. (Canceled).

6. (Currently Amended): An automatic analyzing system according to claim 411, further comprising
a buffer in which a sample to be analyzed by the analyzing apparatus ~~separated from the analyzing system which has been stopped~~, is placed in a stand-by state, without stopping the analysis of the entire system during a time period where the reagent to be replaced is supplied to the analyzing apparatus in which a reagent is short ~~and which is separated from the analyzing system~~.

7. (Currently Amended): An automatic analyzing system according to claim 3, further comprising

a mechanism which automatically measures a remaining amount of the reagent replaced in the analyzing apparatus which has been stopped ~~separated from the analyzing system~~ before the analyzing apparatus ~~separated from the analyzing system~~ is restored to the analyzing system operation.

8. (Currently Amended): An automatic analyzing system according to claim 3, further comprising a mechanism which automatically confirms, before the analyzing apparatus which has been stopped ~~separated from the automatic analyzing system~~ is restored to operation ~~the analyzing system~~, whether or not the reagent replaced in the analyzing apparatus which has been stopped ~~separated from the automatic analyzing system~~ coincides with an item for measurement relating to the one reagent detected to be short, wherein when the reagent replaced does not coincide with the item, the analyzing apparatus is not restored to operation ~~the automatic analyzing system~~.

9. (Currently Amended): An automatic analyzing system according to claim 411, further comprising means which determine a reagent to be exchanged by notifying an identifier of the one reagent detected to be short and that the analyzing apparatus in which a reagent is short is automatically stopped ~~separated from the control of the automatic analyzing system~~.

10. (Currently Amended): An automatic analyzing system according to claim 9, further comprising means which identify the one reagent to be exchanged by automatically confirming, before restoring to operation ~~the analyzing apparatus in which a reagent is short and which is separated from the automatic analyzing system, to the automatic analyzing system~~, and notifying an identifier of the one reagent detected to be short.

11. (New) An automatic analyzing system which analyzes samples by using a plurality of analyzing apparatuses, each containing a reagent, which are disposed along a carry line comprising:

a reagent shortage detection unit for detecting that a reagent used in analyzing a sample in an analyzing apparatus is short; and

a management computer for controlling operations of said analyzing system, said management computer being programmed to:

register particular reagents in the analyzing system in advance,

register an analyzing apparatus in which any one of said particular reagents is detected as being short and

stop the analyzing apparatus in which any one of said particular reagents registered in advance is detected as being short.

12. (New) An automatic analyzing system according to claim 11 wherein said management computer is further programmed to continue operation of an analyzing apparatus in which a reagent which is not registered is detected as being short.